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FOR: PHARMACEUTICAL OR FOOD
COMPOSITION FOR TREATMENT
OR PREVENTION OF BRAIN
EDEMA

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated March 21, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

~~Please cancel Claims 4, 5, 6, and 9-11.~~

Please amend the following claims as follows. All of the pending claims are reproduced for convenience.

C¹ --1. (Amended) A method for the treatment of brain edema, comprising administering an effective amount of a composition comprising melatonin to a subject having brain edema.